

## State Data Center of Iowa and the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs

# OLDER IOWANS: 2007

Older Americans Month originated with a presidential proclamation in May 1963 and has been proclaimed by presidents each year since. Last year, President Bush stated, "Older Americans teach us the timeless lessons of courage, sacrifice and love. By sharing their wisdom and experience, they serve as role models for future generations. During Older Americans Month, we pay tribute to our senior citizens and their contributions to our nation."

### 435,220

The estimated number of people age 65 and over in Iowa on July 1, 2005. This age group accounted for 14.7 percent of the total population. Between 2004 and 2005, the size of this age group increased by 1,799 people.

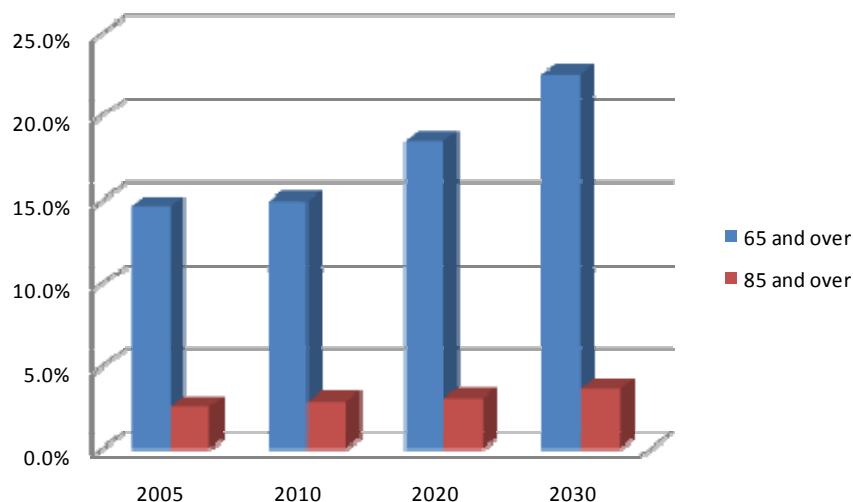
### 255,589

The estimated number of women age 65 and over in Iowa on July 1, 2005. This age group accounted for 58.7 percent of the total population 65 and over. The estimated number of women age 85 and over on July 1, 2005 was 52,838. This was 70.1 percent of this age group.

### 663,186

The projected population age 65 and older in Iowa in the year 2030. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this age group will constitute 22.4 percent of the state's total population at that time. In 2000 Iowa ranked 4th in the percentage of population age 65 and older. In 2030 it is projected that Iowa will rank 12th.

**Projected Iowa Population by Age: 2005-2030**



## Families and Children

### 60.5%

Percentage of people in Iowa age 65 and older in 2005 who were married.



### 14,105

The number of children under 18 who are being cared for by a grandparent in Iowa. 70.9 percent of these children are under 6 years of age.

### 28.7%

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older in 2005 who were widowed.

## EDUCATION

**79.0%**

Percent of people age 65 and older in 2005 with at least a high school diploma. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over with at least a high school diploma was 88.9%.

**13.4%**

Percentage of the population age 65 and older in 2005 who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher education. The percent of all Iowans age 25 and over who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher was 22.3%.

***Voting***  
**83.5%**

Percentage of Iowans age 65 and older registered to vote in the 2004 presidential election, the highest rate of any age group. 76.8 percent of people in this age group reported actually casting a ballot.

**21.4%**

Percent of the votes cast by citizens age 65 and older in the 2004 election.

## MIGRATION

**98.9%**

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who either stayed in their own home or moved within the state between 2004 and 2005. This can be compared to 96.9% for the state as a whole.

**4,487**

The number of people age 65 and over who moved into the state of Iowa between 2004 and 2005. This represented only 5.1% of all the people who moved into the state during that time.

**76.8%**

Percent of Iowans age 65 and over in 2005 who were born in Iowa. The percent of all Iowans born in the state was 73.7%



**Coming to America**  
**7,488**

The number of Iowans in 2005 age 65 and over who are foreign born.

***Living Arrangements***  
**31.9%**

*Percent of Iowans age 65 and over who lived alone in 2005.*

## INCOME AND POVERTY

**\$27,361**

Median 2005 income of households with householders 65 and over. The median income for all households in Iowa in 2005 was \$43,609.

**7.8%**

Poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2005, compared to 10.9% for all Iowans.

**412,150**

The number of 2004 social security beneficiaries aged 65 or older in Iowa. This group collected \$379,247,000 total monthly benefits.

Data provided by the Social Security Administration publication "Annual Statistical Supplement, 2005"



## COUNTIES AND CITIES

**43,962**

The number of people age 65 and over in Polk County, making it the largest population of this age group in any county in 2005.

**23.4%**

The percent of total population in Ringgold county who are age 65 and over in 2005. Other Iowa counties with a high percentage in this age group are Monona (23%), Sac (22.8%), Wayne (22.6%) and Pocahontas (22.6%).

**27.6%**

Over a quarter of Iowans age 65 and over in 2005 lived in Polk, Linn, Scott, Black Hawk and Dubuque counties.

**24**

The number of Iowa counties with a decrease in the population age 65 and over between 2000 and 2005.

**24,559**

The number of people age 65 and over in Des Moines, making it largest population of this age group in any Iowa city in 2000.

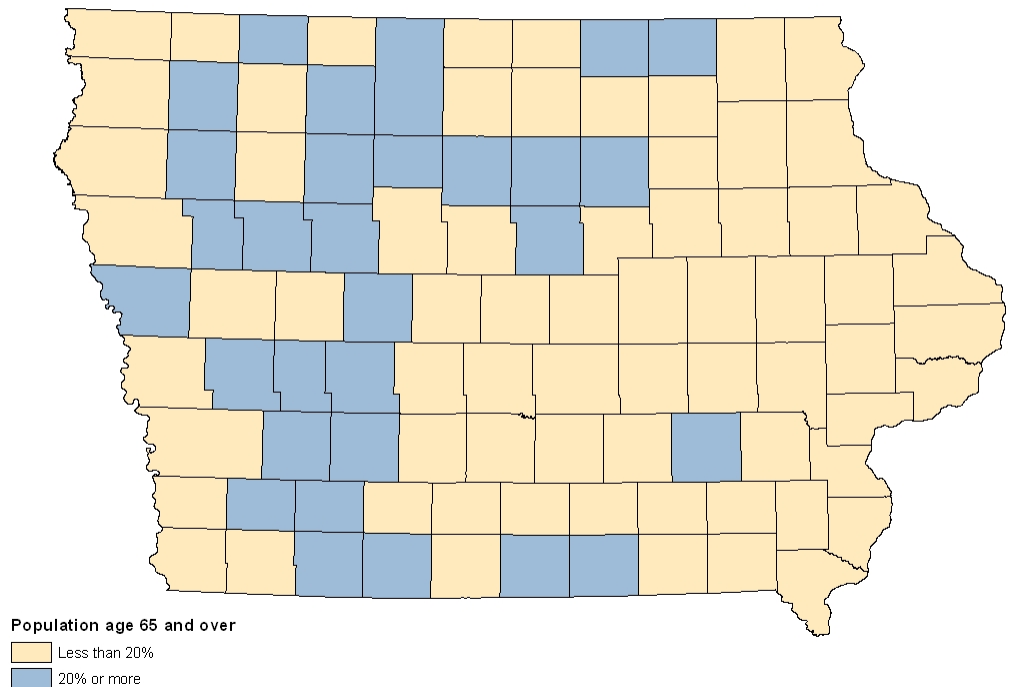
**90.9%**

The percent of total population in Beaconsfield who were age 65 and over in 2000. Other Iowa cities with a high percentage in this age group were Athelstan (55.6%), Berkley (45.8%), Elk Horn (42.4%) and Littleport (42.3%).

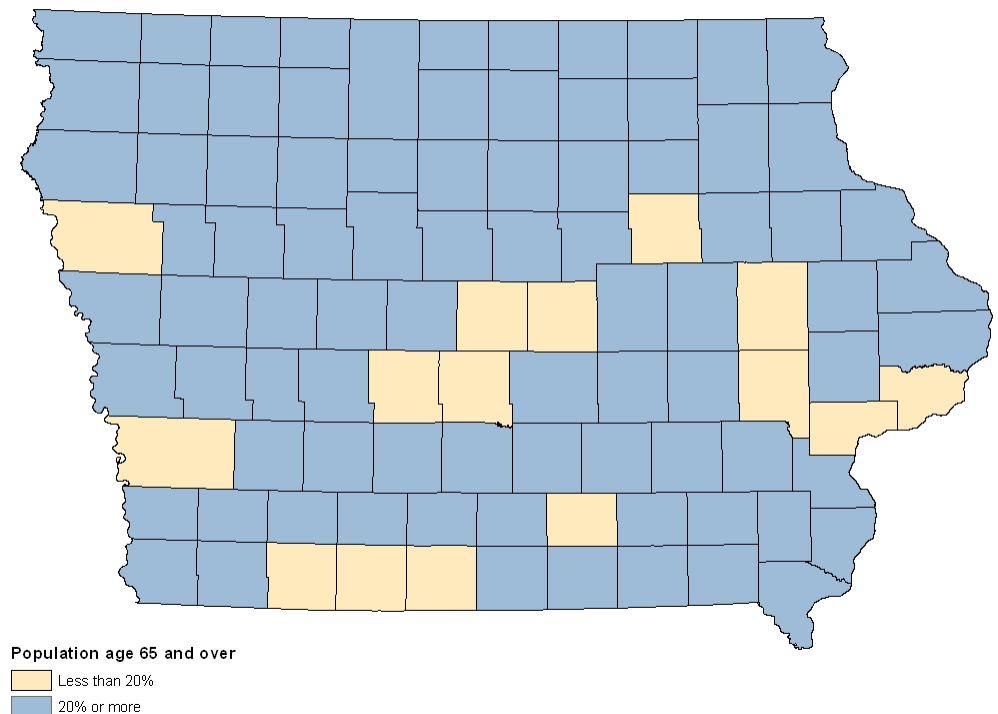
**21.0%**

The percent of the total population age 65 and over in 2000 who lived in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Sioux City and Waterloo.

**2000**



**2030**



**84**

The number of Iowa counties in 2030 in which at least 20% of the residents will be age 65 and over according to Woods & Pool Economics, Inc. In 2000 that number was 30.

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## EMPLOYMENT

**68,288**

Number of Iowans age 65 and older in 2005 who are in the labor force.

**3.2%**

The unemployment rate in 2005 for Iowans age 65 and over.

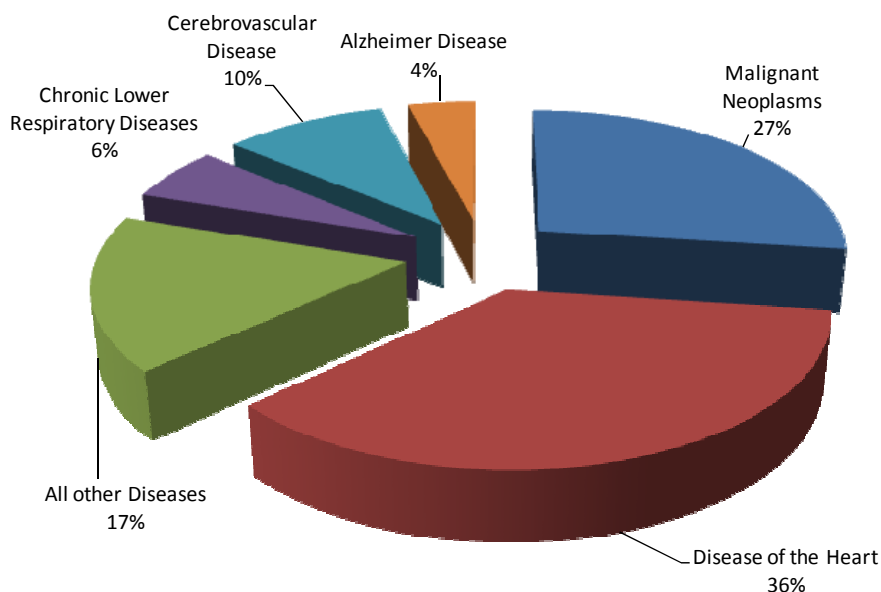


**Serving Our  
Nation  
104,381**

Estimated number of people in 2005 age 65 and older in Iowa who are military veterans.

## VITAL STATS

**Leading Causes of Death Age 65 and Over: 2005**



## DISABILITY

**148,226**

The number of Iowans in 2005 age 65 and over with at least one type of disability.

**36.5%**

The percent of Iowa veterans age 65 and over with a disability.

### At a Glance

Type of Disability:  
Population 65 and over

2005

Sensory	62,070
Physical	108,860
Mental	35,175
Self-care	31,106
Go-outside-home	53,827

### Leading causes of death for all Iowans: 2005

Disease of the heart—26.7%  
Malignant Neoplasms—23.2%  
Cerebrovascular—6.3%  
Chronic lower respiratory—4.3%  
Unintentional injuries—2.1%  
Other—34.9%